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NEW EQUIPMENT ADDS TO COUNTY'S EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

Doyle Announces EOC Gets Specialized Equipment from State

Monroe County Executive Jack Doyle today announced that the County has received two New York State purchased trailers specially equipped to enhance First Responder ability to safely and successfully detect, stabilize or mitigate weapons of mass destruction (WMD) acts.

"The two new specially equipped trailers provided by the state will greatly improve our existing ability to respond to a variety of threats to public safety," said Doyle. "The selection of Monroe County as a recipient of this equipment underscores the state's recognition that our community has a regional presence and is a leader in responding to these types of First Response issues."

The 24-foot long trailers are each equipped with detection, decontamination and personal protective equipment that will greatly augment our existing special operations teams such as the HAZMAT Team or the Bomb Squad. The trailers are valued at \$326,000 and will be deployed to assist First Responder professionals in their highly specialized work. Monroe County is one of several counties across the state to receive such state funded equipment.

HAZMAT and other special operations teams are already training with the new equipment. The trailers will be available state-wide through the NYS Mutual-Aid Plan.

"Monroe County's civil preparedness plan is in place and is ready for activation should any local event require a response" said Doyle. "Our primary concern is to keep the people of Monroe County safe in the event of a local civil emergency," said Doyle. "If our civil tranquility were ever disturbed by terrorism, we are in a well equipped state of preparedness to respond quickly." said Doyle.

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